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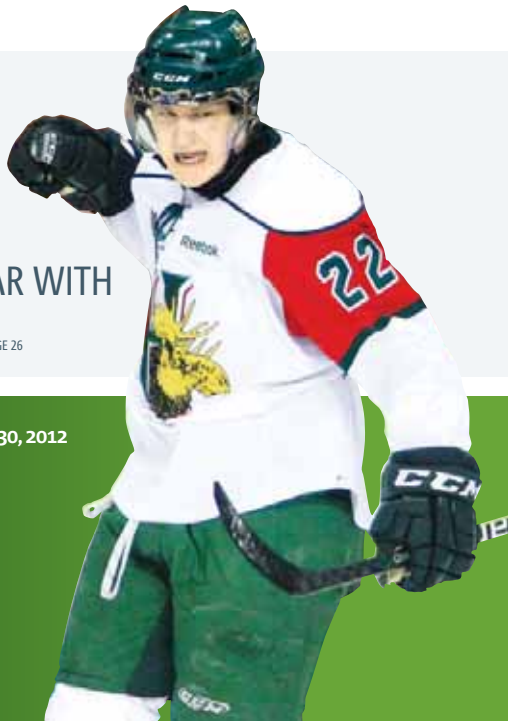


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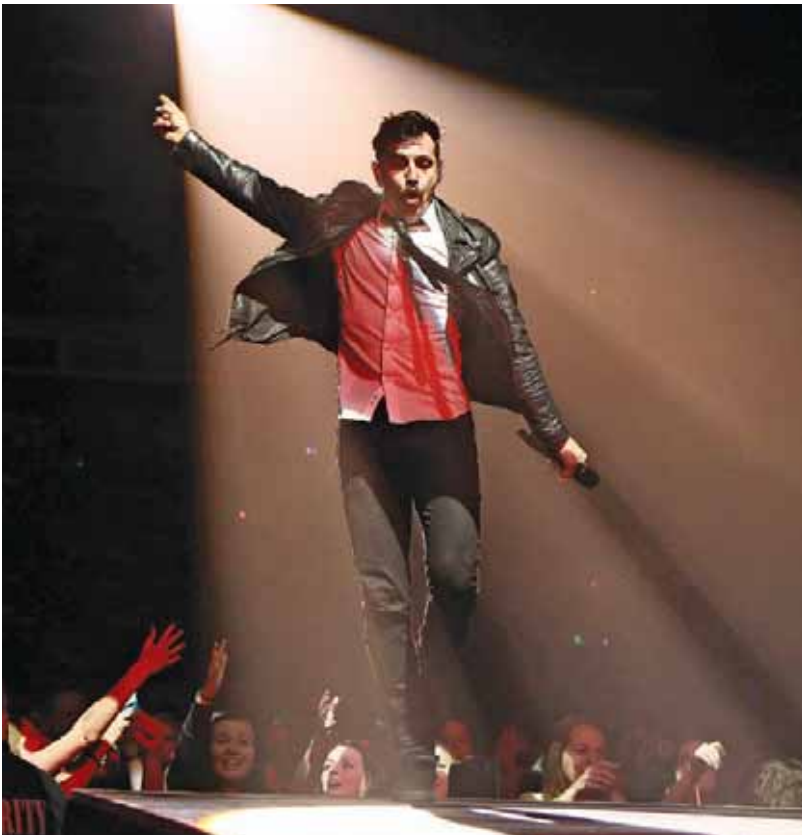
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Council votes to pay back concert cash

Staying mum. Mayor Peter Kelly refuses interview requests on matter

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Halifax regional council has taken financial responsibility for the almost \$360,000 advanced to, but never paid back by, promoter Harold MacKay. But Mayor Peter Kelly, a chief figure in the concert-cash scandal, refused to comment on any aspect of the issue on Tuesday after recusing himself from the discussion due to a perceived conflict of interest. In a nearly unanimous decision, council approved a payment of \$359,550 to Metro Centre Ltd. Council will take no further action to pursue the recovery of those funds.

It was Metro Centre funds, funnelled through Ticket Atlantic, that was fronted to MacKay for two concerts on the Halifax Common in 2010. Trade Centre Ltd., which manages the Metro Centre for HRM, accounted for the money as an "uncollectable amount" on the facility's ledger. It was a complicated sequence of financial manoeuvres, but the bottom line is municipal taxpayers lost \$359,550 on the deal. "Definitively, the surplus in 2010-11 for the city would have been \$359,000 higher," said HRM's Chief Administrative Officer Richard Butts after the meeting. The funds were already earmarked in the municipality's 2010-11 budget, in the event HRM was unsuccessful in recouping funds from Trade Centre Ltd. TCL rejected HRM's overtures on sharing the bill, according to Butts. The municipality had pre-

Quotable "I will not be commenting on the matter as I was not part of the discussion or the debate." Mayor Peter Kelly

viously received \$38,000 from MacKay after threatening to pull municipal services for the Metallica show in 2011, put on by MacKay's wife. Council agreed to discuss the matter in public Tuesday after a marathon debate about whether or not the discussion should be private. "The public want the information — here it is. Let's just vote on it and give them the information," said Coun. Gloria McCluskey. "If we're ever going to be transparent, we have to act like we're transparent. And this is the opportunity," said Coun. Jim Smith.

HEDLEY ROCKS

Hedley frontman Jacob Hoggard performs with his band at the Metro Centre on Tuesday night. Classified, Karl Wolf and My Name is Kay were the opening acts. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

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Old province, but young city of Halifax

Census. New data shows HRM is one of the youngest cities in Canada, while N.S. is the oldest province



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Nova Scotia was crowned the country's oldest province Tuesday.

Census data from 2011 on age and sex was released Tuesday morning and shows with 16.6 per cent of the population over the age of

65, Nova Scotia is the oldest. "And it's interesting the aging process is getting faster," said Andre Lebel, a senior analyst with Statistics Canada.

It's been a steady climb up the ladder as Nova Scotia was third-oldest in 2001, second in 2006 and now it holds the top spot.

Nationally, the Atlantic provinces and Quebec have the country's lion's share of seniors.

But it's an entirely different story in Halifax, which has the second-largest proportion of working-age population in the country. Basically, HRM is just under

Below-average growth

65+

Right now the 65-plus age group in Nova Scotia is growing at a slightly slower rate than the national average.

Calgary for having most of its population between the ages of 15-64.

"So 72 per cent of Halifax is in the working-age population, which makes it the second-largest proportion across all census metropolitan areas," Lebel said.

This data also suggests while there are many sen-

iors in Nova Scotia, many of them are not living in HRM.

"Halifax has one of the lowest proportions of seniors," he said, adding cities generally tend to attract younger populations.

So, why do seniors stay away?

"I perish the thought of ever having to live in Halifax," said Steve MacDonald, 73. He lives in Fall River and can understand why seniors escape urban cores because it's just too expensive.

"People living on pensions can't afford the exorbitant rents in the city, so they're looking for accommodations outside, especially if they have

a means of transportation."

He said he's noticed quite a few more retirees lately as more and more people join his age bracket.

"It's becoming more and more a seniors' province."

Lebel said there are two basic reasons why the senior population is booming: Life expectancy is increasing in most provinces, and fertility has been low since the end of the baby boom.

"In 2011, baby boomers are aged 46-65, so in the next few years a large part of the baby boomers will enter the 65-and-older groups. So the aging process will accelerate."

Seniors across the country

The highest proportions of seniors in the country are in the Atlantic provinces, Quebec and British Columbia.

Census numbers

16.6

Percentage of Nova Scotians over the age of 65.

72

Percentage of the population in HRM between the ages of 15 to 64.

9.7

Percentage increase of the number of kids under four in HRM.

4.6

Percentage increase of the number of kids under four throughout the province.

No more than four

Children under four in N.S.:

- 2006: 42,045
- 2011: 43,980



Four-year-old Emelie White shows off her hula-hoop skills as her brother Max, mom Rachelle and sister Jayne watch at their north-end Halifax home on Tuesday afternoon. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

Halifax mom says three kids becoming the norm

Sandboxes are getting pretty crowded in HRM these days.

According to 2011 census data released Tuesday, the zero-to-four age bracket has increased in every province for the first time in 50 years.

In Nova Scotia, the toddler-preschool set has increased by 4.6 per cent since 2006. It's even higher, 9.7 per cent, in Halifax. The national average is 11 per cent.

Rachelle White is happily contributing to that statistic. The Halifax woman is a mom of three kids — two of them under five. And she's consid-

ering another one.

"We're tossing that ball around," she said, laughing.

She said a family of three seems to be the norm in HRM.

"I have noticed when we go to playtime at the library or at the playground it's more common to see a child walking, a child in a stroller and a pregnant mom," she said.

"And a comment as we're talking back and forth over whether we should have a fourth (child), is everybody has three — it's not that big of a family anymore."

Quoted

"For my husband and I, we just imagine having lots of people around the dinner table when we're old."

Rachelle White

Andre Lebel, senior analyst for Statistics Canada, said he wouldn't call this a mini-baby boom.

"The fertility level in Canada is relatively low, but it's interesting to see the zero-to-four (age bracket) has increased that much," he said.

Fertility rates during the

baby boom of 1946-65 were four children per woman, so 1.6 in N.S., (nationally 1.7) doesn't compare, he said.

Lebel said fertility rates are going up in most provinces, and there are more women in the population who are in their child-bearing years.

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On the web

Deep-sea Dark Knight

The underwater world has its very own Batman. It carries the shape of the Batman symbol comic fans know all too well, and it's baffling scientists. Watch this and other bizarre aquatic phenomena at metronews.ca.

TV is puttin' on the dog

Summer television used to mean reruns. This year, it's gone to the dogs. Read more about the influx of star dogs and their owners at metronews.ca

Mobile news



Many Canadian kids are failing to make the grade when it comes to reaching physical-activity targets, with too few hours devoted to active play and too much free time looking at TV and computer screens. Scan the code to read more.

Arrest. Cabbie charged with sexual assault

Police charged a Dartmouth man Tuesday for an alleged sexual assault in a taxi cab.

Somewhere between 10 and 10:30 Monday night, police say a 36-year-old woman hopped into a taxi in Dartmouth.

"During the commute to where she was going, it is alleged the taxi driver touched her in a manner that we would deem to be sexual in nature," said Const. Brian Palmetter with Halifax Regional Police.

The victim contacted police when she reached her destination in Dartmouth and police later arrested the driver.

Court date

- The 37-year-old driver will appear in court in July.

A 37-year-old man has been charged with sexual assault and will appear in Dartmouth provincial court in July.

"We also contacted the taxi-licensing service, who we understand took action and suspended his licence (Tuesday) morning," Palmetter said. **METRO**

Fall election

Walsh running into race for councillor

Gerry Walsh is running for council. The co-founder of the Blue Nose Marathon and small-business owner announced Tuesday during an event at Bishop's Cellar in downtown Halifax that he intends to run in the fall election for District 7, Penin-

sula South and Downtown.

"This is the right time for change in the leadership of Halifax," Walsh said in a release. "Decisions of council over the last decade have left peninsula Halifax with a decaying downtown, escalating taxes, rising crime and diminishing services."

Walsh said his campaign will focus on four major themes — including spending taxpayers' money wisely and building confidence in public transit. **METRO**

Cyber-bullying. Students can help with campaign

Students from across Nova Scotia are being asked to help create a cyber-bullying awareness campaign. Education Minister Ramona Jennex announced Tuesday she wants students to submit videos, music and other art to raise awareness about the problem.

Jennex says she wants the submissions within the next six weeks. Students can send their work to the Unlike Cyberbullying website at unlikecyberbullying.ca.

The student or group with the best idea will work with the province to create a public-service announcement that



Education Minister Ramona Jennex
RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

will run during the 2012-13 school year. In addition to the website, posters will be placed in schools to let students know how they can participate.

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Deputy Mayor Bill Karsten fills in for Mayor Peter Kelly in this file photo from February. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO FILE

Every council vote to now be recorded

Count them in. Council reverses 2008 decision, makes every vote a matter of public record



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Halifax regional council will record how every councillor votes on every issue from now on.

Council voted 19-3 on Tuesday to make all votes of council recorded votes, meaning every resident can see how their councillor voted on every issue that comes before council. The vote was

Quoted

"The ones that are watching us ... don't really care who's making decisions so much as that we are making decisions. Now, if we're going to extend the time, well maybe we jeopardize the viewing audience that are prepared to watch us."

Coun. Reg Rankin

recorded.

This replaces a system where votes were done by a consensus yea or nay, or a show of hands if the vote was close. Recorded votes could be requested under the old system, although they usually only happened for contentious or politically sensitive matters.

"I think a lot of people want to know how we vote," said Coun. Gloria McCluskey, who brought forward the motion on behalf of fellow Dartmouth Coun. Bill Karsten. "And I don't see any reason why we can't do that."

Other councillors did. Some said recording every vote would take more time,

while others suggested it might hurt viewership for people watching council from home during daytime TV hours. Still others noted that any councillor could ask to have a vote on any issue they please.

"The people who elected me do not want to know if I voted or not to approve the minutes," said veteran Coun. Bob Harvey, referring to a procedural vote taken at the beginning of every council meeting. "Any member of council ... including the chair when necessary, who thinks the vote is important can request a recorded vote. We've already answered this question in the way we do it now."



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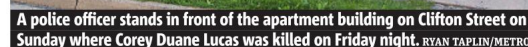
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"The homicide investigation led to three search warrants being obtained and executed over the last 36 hours," police spokesman

Palmeter wouldn't say



"But I can say the searches were in connection with the homicide investigation from Friday night on Clifton

Street and the investigation is progressing," Palmeter said. "The fact we were able to conduct three search warrants in a short amount of time shows the amount of effort they're putting into this case."

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'I got tired of seeing Robert Dziekanski die': Tasered man lives on in opera

World premiere. 33rd annual Scotia Festival of Music runs through June 8

Repeatedly seeing video of Robert Dziekanski being stunned with a Taser by RCMP officers on national television inspired J.A. Wainwright to write an opera about the tragedy.

"Quite frankly, I got tired of seeing Robert Dziekanski die. I wanted to see him live," said Wainwright, a poet and author.

The opera, titled *I Will Fly Like a Bird*, premieres on Thursday at the Scotia Festival of Music in Halifax. It tells the story of Dziekanski, an immigrant from Poland who died in 2007 after being repeatedly stunned by Mounties at the Vancouver airport.

His death attracted international attention when it was captured on video by a traveller.

Wainwright, who wrote the libretto for the opera, said he felt Dziekanski became part of a "media circus where we saw

Robert's song

"To give Robert a voice and to give his mother a voice, opera can do that very powerfully."

John Plant, composer of *I Will Fly Like a Bird*

him die over and over again."

"I wanted to deal with him as a human being rather than an image on the screen," he said in a telephone interview from his home in Halifax.

The story is told through the imagined voices of Dziekanski and his mother, Zofia Cisowski.

It begins in Poland on the eve of Dziekanski's departure, where he is celebrating with friends and discussing his aspirations, said John Plant, composer of the opera.

The story then moves to the flight itself, followed by the incident at the airport, and finishes with an elegy of sorts by Dziekanski's mother, Plant said.

But the piece does not directly portray Dziekanski being stunned with the Taser, nor



Bass baritone Clayton Kennedy rehearses for the opera *I Will Fly like a Bird: A Tribute to Robert Dziekanski* in a Halifax studio on Tuesday.

ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

does it deal with the backlash felt by the RCMP after the incident, Wainwright said.

"It doesn't focus in any direct way on the Taser, although

it's alluded to metaphorically and very powerfully in the music."

Plant said the human emotion involved in Dziekanski's

story was easily translated into a musical piece.

"This was such a trauma ... not just for the people involved, but for Canadians as well, to

know that this sort of thing could happen," said Plant, who has been writing the piece for more than two years.

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Live Art Dance announces 30th-anniversary lineup



Vancouver's Kidd Pivott dance troupe is performing this season with Live Art Dance. CONTRIBUTED/JORG BAUMANN/KIDD PIVOTT

Thirty years ago, Dianne Moore began bringing performers to the Eyelevel Gallery in Halifax, drawing on her experience as a dancer and connections with friends in the arts community.

Moore, who died in 2003, went on to name the budding promotion and production organization Live Art Dance, and the not-for-profit's role in the city's performance-art scene has been growing ever since.

With seven performances from some of the biggest names in Canadian dance, including a few from the Maritimes, scheduled for its 30th-anniversary season, Live Art Dance artistic director Paul Caskey hopes this will be the biggest year yet.

"People seem to have an

appetite for what we're doing, and that's very exciting," Caskey said at Tuesday's media launch.

Performances this year feature young and emerging artists as well as well-known, established companies such as the Royal Winnipeg Ballet, which, Caskey said, is "as big as you get in Canada."

Profits from ticket sales for big-name troupes such as the RWP, Montreal's Compagnie Marie Chouinard and Vancouver-based Kidd Pivott, he said, help Live Art Dance support productions featuring local artists as well as community programs such as workshops for high school students and senior citizens. SPENCER BUELL/FOR METRO

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Live Art Dance lineup:

- **Le Carré des Lombes:** Dévorer le ciel, Sept. 27 to 29, Dunn Theatre
- **Kidd Pivott:** The Tempest Replica, Oct. 4 to 6, Dunn Theatre
- **Compagnie Marie Chouinard:** Henri Michaux: Mouvements, Oct. 11, Rebecca Cohn Auditorium
- **Royal Winnipeg Ballet:** Mixed Program, Nov. 7 to 8, Rebecca Cohn Auditorium
- **RUBBERBANDance:** Gravity of Centre, Dec. 6 to 8, Dunn Theatre
- **Lesandra Dodson:** The Trilogy Project, Jan. 17 to 19, Dunn Theatre
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Dennis Manuge, lead plaintiff in a class-action lawsuit between disabled veterans and the Government of Canada, carries his daughter Mikelle from a news conference in Halifax on Tuesday. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Veteran praises feds' decision not to appeal pension ruling

Class-action lawsuit.
Powerful victory for some 6,000 veterans

A disabled veteran who launched a class-action lawsuit against the federal government said he is thrilled Ottawa will respect a Federal Court ruling

and stop clawing back money from veterans' pensions.

Dennis Manuge broke down Tuesday as he thanked his lawyers, federal ministers and thousands of veterans he says will now see repayment of possibly \$500 million that had been cut from their monthly payments over a period of nearly 30 years.

"This has been a very dif-

ficult experience for Canada's disabled veterans, including me," he said, with his 17-month-old daughter and wife looking on.

"It is a relief that we are one step closer to being reimbursed."

Defence Minister Peter MacKay and Veterans Affairs Minister Steven Blaney announced earlier in the day that

they would not appeal the decision handed down this month that found the government was acting illegally by reducing veteran's long-term disability benefits.

The ruling was a powerful victory for roughly 6,000 veterans, some of whom have seen their payments slashed by thousands of dollars a month.

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Homicide investigation

Woman remembered as 'beautiful, full of life'

A young Cape Breton woman whose body was found in the Mira River last week is being remembered as smart, beautiful and vivacious.

The family of 21-year-old Laura Catherine Jessome of Bras d'Or is still coming to terms with her death, said Jessome's uncle Paul Pettipas on Tuesday.

"The family is really going through a hard time right now," Pettipas said in an interview with the Cape Breton Post. "So they're really just trying to cope with it. It came so sudden."

Jessome was the youngest of three sisters and had graduated from Memorial Composite High School in Sydney Mines.

According to her obituary, Jessome was known

affectionately by her mother as "Angel Bread" and enjoyed spending time with her niece, nephew and dog Reilly.

"She was a beautiful little girl, she was really intelligent and full of life and it's just a shame," Pettipas said. "She got in with the wrong crowd and we're all just really heart-broken about it."

Cape Breton Regional Police say they are continuing their investigation into the discovery of a 21-year-old woman's body found inside a sports equipment bag in the Mira River near Marion Bridge.

The discovery was made at about 8 p.m. Friday by a woman who noticed the bag in the water near her home.

Police believe the homicide is an isolated case and not a random act of violence.

"They're keeping everything so hush-hush," Pettipas said of the police investigation. "Right now, we're really just kinda trying to deal with it all. It's really a kinda tragedy that you don't expect to happen every day."

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Contaminants lawsuit. Appeal in Cape Breton tar ponds case disappointing, says plaintiff lawyer

An appeal in a class-action lawsuit over Cape Breton's notorious tar ponds is disappointing but not surprising after some eight years of legal wrangling, a Halifax lawyer said Tuesday.

Ray Wagner, who represents the plaintiffs in the lawsuit, said the former and current residents of Sydney remain dedicated to their battle against the federal and provincial governments.

"They have an immense amount of resolve," Wagner said in an interview.

"They are committed to this project and the follow-through to the end, whenever that end would be."

Plaintiffs are seeking compensation for property damage and exposure to industrial toxins from decades of

Supreme Court decision

- Earlier this month, the federal and provincial governments filed notices of appeal of a Nova Scotia Supreme Court decision certifying the lawsuit as a class action.

contaminants spewed from the former Sydney Steel Corp. plant, as well as funds to establish a medical monitoring program.

Wagner said the suit could include up to 20,000 people. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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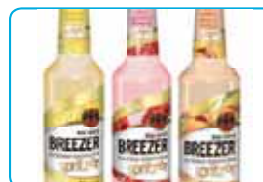
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Global pariah. Canada expels Syrian diplomats over Houla massacre

Canada joined allies across the world Tuesday in expelling Syrian diplomats, as the slaughter of the innocent in Houla provoked a broad severing of global ties with the pariah Assad regime in Damascus.

Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird said Canada was expelling Syrian diplomats in the wake of the weekend massacre in Houla. The United Nations said 108 people died in the massacre, including 49 children and 34 women — one of the deadliest events in the 15-month uprising against Syrian President Bashar Assad's regime.

Canada took part in a co-ordinated diplomatic offensive along with the United States, Britain, Australia, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Bulgaria and the Netherlands as the UN revealed more gruesome details of the events in Houla. Apparently the massacre included the close-range shootings of scores of children and parents in their homes.

The report did not specify who carried out most of the



The Syrian embassy in downtown Ottawa. THE CANADIAN PRESS

killings.

Baird said all remaining diplomats in Ottawa and their families have five days to leave Canada. As is the case in several other countries, Syria's ranking diplomat is a charge d'affaires, not an ambassador.

As well, another Syrian diplomat waiting to come to Canada will be refused entry.

Baird said Canadians, like other people around the world, were horrified to learn on the weekend about the massacre, including nearly three dozen children under the age of 10.

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Severed foot sent to Conservative Party headquarters

Grisly discovery. Police intercept another package containing another body part hours later

Ottawa police say a second package containing a body part was found just hours after a stunned Conservative party receptionist opened a blood-soaked box containing a human foot.

The first was found Tuesday morning in a package that had been delivered to the party's headquarters a few scant blocks from Parliament Hill.

As a result of further investigation, Ottawa police said Tuesday night that they intercepted a second suspicious package containing another human body part.

Police released no other details about the second find,



Police remove a package containing a human foot from the Conservative Party headquarters in Ottawa on Tuesday. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

and said the major crime section continues to investigate.

Tuesday morning's macabre discovery led to a pre-noon call to police and paramedics about a suspicious package.

Ottawa police were consulting with their counter-

parts in Montreal after they discovered a severed torso in a suitcase.

Authorities in both cities are trying to determine if there might be a link to the foot mailed to Conservative party headquarters.

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Nepal

Body of climber taken off Everest

The body of a Canadian woman who died while returning from the summit of Mount Everest has been brought off the world's tallest mountain.

A spokesman from Utmost Adventure Trekking said Shriya Shah-Klorfine's body has been taken via helicopter from Mount Everest to her family in the Nepalese capital Kathmandu.

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Weather woes

Freak rainstorm floods Montreal

A wall of rain collapsed onto Montreal in one torrential instant that flooded city streets, closed subway stations, caused power failures, damaged private property and forced evacuations from public buildings Tuesday.

More than 28,000 people lost electricity in Quebec, with more than half those disruptions occurring in the province's biggest city.

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Student protest leader may face up to one year in prison

Quebec. Fellow student who filed court motion says complaint is not a vendetta

Could the most prominent figure in Quebec's protest movement face jail time for having encouraged students to keep schools shut?

Gabriel Nadeau-Dubois pleaded not guilty to a contempt-of-court charge Tuesday in a Quebec City courtroom and dismissed the idea that he should be imprisoned for his student activism. His opponents in the case said that's exactly what he deserves.

The charge stems from a court motion filed by Jean-Francois Morasse, who alleges Nadeau-Dubois encouraged students to ignore a court injunction that paved the way for Morasse to return to class at Universite Laval in Quebec City.

Anarchy?

"As a citizen you have to start worrying when people say, 'There's a court decision I don't like and I'm not respecting it.' That's where anarchy starts."

Maxime Roy Martel, lawyer

The contempt-of-court case focuses on remarks Nadeau-Dubois made on television on May 13. At the time, Nadeau-Dubois said it was legitimate for protesters to form picket lines to keep students who had obtained injunctions from getting to their classrooms.

Nadeau-Dubois is a co-spokesman for the CLASSE student group — the most radical of the province's three biggest student associations. He has been featured in international news reports and been de-

scribed, arguably inaccurately, as a protest leader.

"Let's hope this isn't a political settling of accounts. That would be very unfortunate," Nadeau-Dubois told reporters at the courthouse.

"The vehemence with which the other party is talking about a prison sentence — well, let's just say it leads one to believe there's an element of frustration there."

The Quebec protests have lasted 15 weeks, during which nearly one-third of post-secondary students have remained away from the classrooms during a battle against tuition hikes. Most students remained in school, while some were ordered to return by court injunctions. Some of the more ardent protesters blocked attempts to reopen classrooms.

The student dispute has caused considerable unrest, including confrontations between police and protesters in the streets. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Student leader Gabriel Nadeau-Dubois walks to court on Tuesday in Quebec City. CLEMENT ALLARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tuition hikes

Charest says it's time to 'turn page'

On the 107th day of a student conflict creating social tensions in Quebec, government officials are confirming that Premier Jean Charest finally sat down and met student leaders face to face.

Charest took part in a discussion with student leaders for more than 50 minutes late Monday, government officials confirmed Tuesday.

It was an abrupt change in approach for a premier who had repeatedly resisted opposition calls to get personally involved in talks with students — and who had even avoided shaking the hand of student leaders during a recent event at the legislature.

The apparent thaw came as the government and protest leaders returned to the negotiating table Monday after a nearly one-month hiatus. Charest characterized that meeting as a new stage in the dispute. He described the exchanges as respectful and courteous.

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Quebec. Police investigate possible double murder, suicide outside Montreal

Police are trying to piece together the events that led to what appears to be a double murder followed by a suicide near Montreal.

A man and a woman in their late 40s were found shot to death in a home in Drummondville on Monday evening.

The investigation then led police to the town of Asbestos, where there was a standoff with an armed man in his 60s. Police say he committed suicide as they negotiated with him.

"The investigation is ongoing and detectives will try to determine what transpired," said Const. Daniel Lacoursiere, a Montreal police spokesman.

Montreal police were

called in to take over what had originally been a provincial police file. In Quebec, it is customary for another police force to investigate when someone dies or is hurt during a police intervention.

Provincial police were first dispatched to the Drummondville home after receiving 911 calls reporting gunshots.

The investigation quickly led police to Asbestos, east of their crime scene, where a 63-year-old man armed with a gun held police at bay in the parking lot of a bar. "While negotiating with the individual, the man turned the gun on himself at about 2 a.m. and his death was confirmed by doctors at the hospital," said Montreal police Const. Simon Delorme. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Mass killer

Breivik's friends suspect he's gay

Is confessed Norwegian mass killer Anders Behring Breivik gay?

Former friends of Breivik say he often expressed feminine tendencies and led some to believe he may be gay.

Three of the 33-year-old's former friends told an Oslo court on Tuesday that five years before he massacred 77 people in July, he moved back to live with his mother and ended all social contacts.

The friends, who did not want to be named, gave testimony during Breivik's trial as the defendant watched.

Breivik killed 69 people in a shooting spree on Utoya island on July 22 after setting off a bomb in Oslo that claimed eight lives.

Since May 11, survivors have given detailed accounts of how Breivik's emotionless "killing machine" hunted people down on the island, shooting them one by one.

Breivik has admitted to the killings, but denies criminal guilt.

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Again! Just nine days later, new quake misery hits Italy

Terror strikes at 9 a.m. Factories, barns, warehouses crumple — woman found alive after lying 12 hours in rubble of apartment

A powerful earthquake dealt a second terrifying blow Tuesday to a quake-devastated region in northern Italy.

Just nine days after an earlier tremor that killed seven people, Tuesday's quake killed at least 16 and left 200 injured.

The injured included a 65-year-old woman who was pulled out alive by rescuers after lying for 12 hours in the rubble of her apartment's kitchen in Cavezzo.

Firefighters told Sky TG24 TV that a piece of furniture, which had toppled over, saved her from being crushed by the wreckage.

She was taken to hospital. Firefighters said she'd gone into the building to get

some clothes.

Factories, warehouses, barns and churches collapsed as the ground shook.

The tremor shocked many of the thousands who have been living in tents or cars since the May 20 quake and created a whole new wave of homeless.

The area encompassing the cities of Modena, Mantua and Bologna is prized for its super car production — churning out Ferraris, Maseratis and Lamborghinis — its world-famous Parmesan cheese, and less well-known but critical to the economy: machinery companies.

In Mirandola, the church of San Francis crumbled, leaving only its facade standing. The main cathedral also collapsed.

In Concordia, the mayor had scheduled a town meeting to discuss the aftermath of the first quake.

Instead, Mayor Carlo Marchini confirmed the death of one person struck by falling debris.

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Rescue workers send dogs into the wreckage of a quake-hit factory in Medolla, northern Italy, on Tuesday as they search for three workers reported missing. LUCA BRUNO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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NATO claim. Airstrike kills al-Qaida's No. 2 leader in Afghanistan

The U.S.-led NATO force in Afghanistan says it has killed al-Qaida's second-highest leader in the country.

Sakhr al-Taifi died in an airstrike in the eastern Kunar province, the force said Tuesday.

Al-Taifi — also known as Mushtaq and Nasim — was responsible for commanding foreign insurgents in Afghanistan and directing attacks against NATO and Afghan forces, officials said.

He frequently travelled between Afghanistan and Pakistan, carrying out commands from senior al-Qaida leadership and ferrying in weapons and fighters.

The airstrike that killed al-Taifi and another al-Qaida militant took place Sunday in Kunar's Watahpur district.

A follow-up assessment of the area determined that no civilians were harmed, officials said.

They declined to reveal the name of al-Qaida's top leader in Afghanistan "due to ongoing operations and security concerns."

Elsewhere in Afghanistan, two would-be suicide bombers riding in a vehicle packed with explosives in the eastern Nangarhar province were killed when the vehicle exploded prematurely.

Safe haven?

Most of al-Qaida's senior leaders are now believed to be based in Pakistan.

- Many senior al-Qaida commanders have died in American drone attacks in Pakistan's northwest tribal region.
- Al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden was killed by U.S. commandos in the Pakistan town of Abbottabad last May.

Three others in the vehicle were severely wounded.

The explosion occurred on the main highway between Jalalabad city and Torkham, a town on the Pakistani border.

The U.S.-led invasion of Afghanistan was carried out because al-Qaida chief Osama bin Laden used the country as his base to plan the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks in New York and Washington.

Bin Laden advised al-Qaida militants to leave Pakistan's North and South Waziristan tribal areas because of the threat of drone attacks, according to letters seized by the U.S.

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Police baffled

Face-chewing shocks witness

A witness who saw a naked man chewing on the face of another naked man on a Miami highway ramp has revealed grisly details about the attack.

"The guy was ... tearing him to pieces with his mouth," Larry Vega said.

"The guy just kept eating the other guy away, like, ripping his skin."

Vega flagged down a police officer, who he said repeatedly ordered the man — identified as Rudy Eugene, 31 — to get off the victim. Eugene growled at the officer, Vega said.

Vega said the officer shot Eugene, who continued chewing the victim's face. The officer fired again, killing him.

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Six kids killed

Parents arrested over fatal U.K. fire

Police have arrested the parents of six children who died in a fire at their home, and say they are now murder suspects.

Derbyshire police say the fire broke out after fuel was poured through the front door mail slot.

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U.S. President Barack Obama presents rock legend Bob Dylan with a Medal of Freedom on Tuesday at the White House. CHARLES DHARAPAK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bob Dylan among medal recipients

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"I understand that the impact these people have had extends beyond me. It will continue for generations to come." U.S. President Barack Obama

Medal of Freedom to more than a dozen political and cultural greats Tuesday, including Israel's President Shimon Peres, rocker Bob Dylan, astronaut John Glenn and novelist Toni Morrison.

In awarding America's

highest civilian honour to 13 recipients, living and dead, the president took note of the overflow crowd in the East Room and said it was "a testament to how cool this group is. Everybody wanted to check 'em out."

Obama then spoke of his

personal connection to a number of this year's recipients, calling them his heroes.

"I know how they impacted my life," the president said. He recalled reading Morrison's Song of Solomon in his youth and "not just trying to figure out how to write, but also how to be and how to think."

In college days, Obama said, he listened to Dylan and recalled "my world opening up, because he captured something about this country that was so vital." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LGBT. Petition backing gay mom to be presented at Boy Scouts meeting

Supporters of a lesbian mother will present a petition at the Boy Scouts of America's annual meeting in Orlando to protest her removal from a troop in Ohio.

Deborah Tyrrell's supporters will present the petition with more than 275,000 names when the Boy Scouts meeting begins in Florida on Wednesday.

Tyrrell was removed last April as a leader of a troop in Ohio. Boy Scouts policy pro-

hibits gays from being adult leaders.

Among those who will present the petition is Eagle Scout Zach Wahls, an Iowa college student who was raised by lesbian mothers. A video of Wahls urging Iowa legislators not to end civil unions went viral last year.

A Scouts spokesman said there are no plans to change the policy.

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Ban revoked

Racy 50 Shades returning to Florida libraries

A Florida county is putting the racy romance trilogy Fifty Shades of Grey back on its library shelves.

The Brevard County Library System had pulled 19 copies of the bestsellers from its bookshelves earlier this month. County officials said the decision was made after they read reviews of the trilogy. A county spokesman also called the books "semi-pornographic."

On Monday, the county announced that the books would be available immediately through the library in response to requests from residents. Services director Cathy Schweinsberg said the library was against censorship.

Libraries in several states have banned the trilogy, saying it's too steamy or too poorly written.

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Caught on video

Racist rant lands British woman in prison

A British judge has jailed a woman whose racist tirade toward fellow subway riders went viral on YouTube.

Jacqueline Woodhouse, 42, boarded the subway drunk on the evening of Jan. 23 and began berating passengers with a profanity-filled, racist verbal assault.

A seven-minute video of it was uploaded to YouTube and viewed more than 200,000 times.

Judge Michael Snow sentenced Woodhouse to 21 weeks in jail on Tuesday in London, saying that anyone hearing her "grossly offensive" language would feel a "deep sense of shame."

She had pleaded guilty to one count of causing racially aggravated harassment, alarm or distress by using threatening, abusive or insulting words or behaviour. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Robots equipped with scissors, forceps crawling in patients

Medical advances.

Doctors say robots have potential to do things humans can't, such as test blood in the body

Imagine a tiny snake robot crawling through your body, helping a surgeon identify diseases and perform operations.

It's not science fiction. Scientists and doctors are using the creeping metallic tools to perform surgery on hearts, prostate cancer, and other diseased organs. The snakebots carry tiny cameras, scissors and forceps, and even more advanced sensors are in the works. For now, they're powered by tethers that humans control. But experts say the day is coming when some robots will roam the body on their own.

"It won't be very long before we have robots that are

'Snakebots'

- The size of surgical robots allows surgeons to operate with far less damage to the body, helping the patient heal faster. For example, instead of opening the entire chest up during heart surgery, a small incision is made, and the robot crawls inside to the proper spot.

- Dr. Ashutosh Tewari of Cornell University Medical Center has used robotic tools to perform thousands of prostate operations. He said the precision of the tiny robotic tool is vital not just to cutting out cancerous tumours, but to seeing exactly what nerves to leave intact.

nanobots, meaning they will actually be inside the body without tethers," said Dr. Mi-

chael Argenziano, the chief of adult cardiac surgery at New York-Presbyterian Hospital and Columbia University Medical Center in New York.

Argenziano was involved with some of the first U.S. Food and Drug Administration clinical trials on robotic heart surgery more than 10 years ago. Now he says snake robots have become a commonly used tool that gives surgeons a whole new perspective.

"It's like the ability to have little hands inside the patients, as if the surgeon had been shrunk, and was working on the heart valve," he said.

Another expert at Carnegie Mellon stresses that there's still an enormous gap between humans and even the most high-tech robots. Manuela Velosa noted that robots have been built that excel at one or two tasks — but not at the variety of tasks humans perform without even thinking.

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Naval Academy graduates flying high

A formation of U.S. Navy Blue Angel fighter jets perform a flyover above graduating Midshipmen during the United States Naval Academy graduation and commissioning ceremonies in Annapolis, Md., Tuesday.

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Ancestors in the open sea

Shipwreck find disproves theory

Greece's culture ministry says two Roman-era shipwrecks found in deep waters off the country's western coast disprove the accepted theory that ancient shipmasters stuck to coastal routes rather than risking the open sea.

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Name hard to swallow

Five Wives Vodka ruled in bad taste

Idaho liquor regulators say a Utah liquor named Five Wives Vodka is in bad taste and they won't stock bottles or take special orders at state-owned stores. It's from a distillery in Utah, where the Mormon church is based.

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Ash spews in Colombia

Volcano prompts evacuations

A light spewing of ash amid renewed rumblings in the Nevado del Ruiz volcano has prompted Colombian authorities to suspend operations at four regional airports and evacuate 500 people.

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Presidential race. Obama campaign plays Trump card over 'birther' issue

Donald Trump, the celebrity business tycoon once dismissed as a "carnival barker" by Barack Obama, went on a full-fledged tear in the media on Tuesday, doubling down on his insistence that America's first black president was born in Kenya.

On the day he was to appear alongside Mitt Romney at a Las Vegas fundraiser for the Republican presumptive nominee, Trump belligerently defended himself against accusations he had lost his grip and was hurting the man who hopes to replace Obama in the Oval Office in November.

"I walk down the street and people are screaming: 'Please don't give that up,'" Trump told CNBC in response to a new Obama ad that maligns Romney for failing to distance himself from the real estate mogul's resurrected



U.S. President Barack Obama
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conspiracy theories about the president's birthplace.

When Trump flirted with his own run for the Republican nomination last year, he put the so-called birther issue in the national spotlight.

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Tennessee. Ruling halts construction of mosque over lack of public notice

Construction of a Tennessee mosque that has been strongly opposed by critics of Islam likely will be stopped after a judge ruled Tuesday that local officials didn't give the public adequate notice before the meeting where it was approved.

The mosque was one of several Muslim projects in the U.S. that hit a swell of conservative opposition a year or two ago during the controversy over a plan to build a Muslim community centre near the site of the Sept. 11, 2001 terror attacks

on the World Trade Center in New York City.

Chancellor Robert Corlew found that the Rutherford County Planning Commission didn't do enough to inform the public of the May 2010 meeting when it approved the site plan for the Islamic Center of Murfreesboro.

Though his ruling voids the approval, he noted there was nothing stopping the commission from reconsidering the issue.

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Qatar begins probe into deadly mall fire

Fatal blaze. Press, public outraged at lack of adequate safety measures that failed to prevent tragedy at daycare centre

Investigators in Qatar carried out their first extensive probes through a fire-ravaged daycare centre and other charred areas inside the country's biggest mall Tuesday after a blaze killed 19 people, 13 of them children.

The blaze and equipment failures that hampered fire-fighting raised questions about safety measures in the mega-structures across the wealthy Gulf.

The findings from the state-ordered inquest are expected within a week, the official Qatar News Agency said. Commentators quickly called for extensive safety reviews after the sprinkler system malfunctioned during Monday's fire.

The tragedy also is likely to push authorities across the Gulf to further examine fire-safety rules in a region where the drive to build fast and big has brought concerns about the quality of emergency planning.

Rescue crews in Qatar's capital Doha had to hack through the roof of the mammoth Villaggio mall to reach the child-care facility, where the victims included two-year-old New Zealand triplets and three Spanish siblings. Two firefighters also were killed.

An editorial in the newspaper Al Arab urged officials



Children leave flowers during a memorial close to the scene where 19 people perished in a massive fire that tore through a nursery at a massive shopping mall in Doha, Qatar, on Tuesday. PHOTOS: OSAMA FAISAL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tragedy



"Lillie, Jackson and Willsher came into this world together and were the joy of our life. Tragically, they left together after only two short years."

A statement from the parents of the two-year-old New Zealand triplets who perished in the fire

Lives lost

More than three-quarters of Qatar's population of 1.8 million residents are foreign workers.

- The young victims include a three-year-old French child, four Spanish children, an 18-month-old South African toddler and the New Zealand triplets.

- Three nursery teachers from the Philippines died from smoke inhalation. A South African woman who worked at the centre also died.

around the Gulf to consider creating special firefighting and civil defence units for the energy-rich region's huge malls.

Qatar's Interior Ministry said the mall's sprinkler system malfunctioned, and rescue ef-

forts were hampered by a lack of floor plans.

Other Gulf nations also have confronted concerns about whether public safety planning can keep pace with the rapid construction. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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The old, the young and the age of change

Census. Toddlers bust a move, but the oldsters just keep on coming, and the implications are only beginning to sink in

Canada is becoming a nation of the aging and the very young.

New census data shows Canada now has a higher proportion of seniors than ever before — a development that has crept up on society with far-reaching implications for health, finance, policy and everyday family relationships.

At the same time, the latest tranche of 2011 census information shows a surprising 11 per cent resurgence of toddlers — a burst of growth in the under-five population that is a complete reversal of trend-lines a decade ago and is rejuvenating every region of the country.

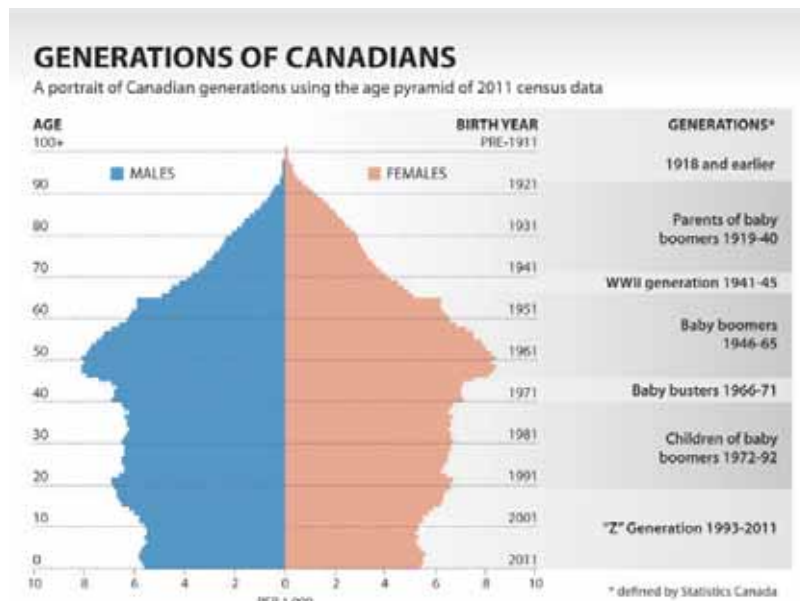
"I wouldn't call it a baby boom, although I think we can call it a significant increase," Laurent Martel, a demography expert at Statistics Canada, said in an interview.

Generally, though, the census shows in great detail what most people already know intuitively: Canada is aging quickly as the baby boomers mature.

The population of over-65ers has surged to nearly five million over the past five years, growing 14.1 per cent since the last official count, Statistics Canada says.

That's more than double the 5.9-per-cent increase for the population as a whole.

It's a trend that's poised to take on momentum. That's because near-seniors — people aged 60 to 64 — grew faster than any other group. Their population soared 29.1 per cent over the past five



By the numbers: Youngest vs. oldest communities

Top-5 youngest communities (pop. 10,000 or more)

Mackenzie County, Alta.: 22.6 years
Hanover, Man.: 27 years
Grande Prairie, Alta.: 30.3 years
Petawawa, Ont.: 30.4 years
Cold Lake, Alta.: 30.5 years

Top-5 oldest communities (pop. 10,000 or more)

Parksville, B.C.: 58.2 years
Elliot Lake, Ont.: 57.1 years
Sidney, B.C.: 56.9 years
White Rock, B.C.: 53.8 years
North Saanich, B.C.: 53.7 years

Source: Statistics Canada
(Based on median age)

years, a pattern that will persist as they move up the age ladder.

They are the oldest edge of the baby-boom generation that includes three out of 10 Canadians, and has so dramatically shaped Canada's landscape for decades.

Young people, on the other hand, are a stagnating generation — despite the torrent of toddlers. The under-15 cohort is barely expanding, having edged up just 0.5 per

cent over the past five years.

Children under 15 make up just 16.7 per cent of the population now, while seniors are at a record high of 14.8 per cent, and growing.

In just four years, Canada will face what demographers have dubbed "the cross-over": The day when there are more seniors than children.

The median age in Canada is now 40.6, the oldest ever, up from 39.5 five years ago and from 33.5 two decades ago.

Canada's population aging is a mix of longer lives and a growing number of people in their senior years, Martel said.

In 2011, there were 4,870 women and 955 men aged 100 or more — the second-fastest growing age group with a 25.7-per-cent rate of expansion. By 2031, StatsCan projects the number of centenarians will reach 17,000, rising to close to 80,000 by 2061 as the bulk of the remaining baby boomers moves into the triple digits.

Compared to other G8 countries, Canada's population is relatively young, and the proportion of seniors in Canada is among the lowest in the G8.

That's about to change, Martel warned: Canada had a bigger baby boom than other countries, and as people retire in droves, Canada's aging trend will pick up speed. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Birth rate

Canada's baby bump is showing

More Canadians, it seems, are changing dirty diapers, serving up spoonfuls of mushy peas and getting tongue-tied over Dr. Seuss books before bed, if the latest census figures from Statistics Canada are any indication.

Previously released population statistics show more people in Canada are having children. The national birth rate increased slightly from 1.59 in 2006 to 1.67 in 2009. In Alberta, the rate is among the highest of the provinces; it was 1.8 in 2010.

Not surprisingly, the latest increase was felt most profoundly in the Prairies, which have become magnets for job-seeking, working-age families looking for a place to put down roots.

In Alberta, the growth rate among kids four and under was 20.9 per cent, followed by Saskatchewan at 19.6 per cent. Quebec also posted a strong increase at 17.5 per cent, as did Nunavut at 15.7 per cent.

Another reason for Canada's baby bump may simply be that there are more moms. Statistics Canada attributed the spike to modestly higher fertility rates in most regions, as well as a growing number of women aged 20 to 34 — traditional child-rearing years.

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On the web

Go to metronews.ca/features/to:

- Take the census 2011 quiz.
- Check out the interactive graphic on population projections by age and sex from 1971-2061.
- See the communities map for an interactive breakdown of the data city by city.
- Watch videos. Canadians say just "how old is old?"; seniors give longevity tips.



NUMBER OF YOUNG CHILDREN ON THE RISE

Growth and the number of children aged 4 and under by province:

	2011 POP.	PER CENT GROWTH SINCE 2006
CANADA	1,877,091	11.3
Nfld. & Labrador	34,491	7.9
Prince Edward Island	7,275	6.7
Nova Scotia	42,980	6.4
New Brunswick	36,530	5.1
Quebec	410,840	17.8
Ontario	704,761	5.6
Manitoba	77,180	13.3
Saskatchewan	68,760	19.6
Alberta	244,880	23.8
British Columbia	218,670	8.8
Yukon	1,900	13.8
N.W.T.	3,385	1.9
Nunavut	8,970	11.7

COMPARISON OF G8 COUNTRIES

Canada's population was the third youngest among G8 countries in 2011:

PER CENT:	Children (0-14)	Working-age (15-64)	Seniors (65+)
JAPAN	13.1	63.5	23.4
GERMANY	13.5	66.9	20.6
ITALY	14.0	65.7	20.3
FRANCE	18.5	64.7	16.8
U.K.	17.3	69.0	18.3
CANADA	16.7	68.3	14.8
U.S.	20.1	66.9	13.0
RUSSIA	15.1	72.0	12.9



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The ratio of people aged 15-24 compared to people aged 55-64 in 2011. In 1991, that ratio stood at 2.95:1.



2016

The year Statistics Canada projects children under 14 will, for the first time, be outnumbered by seniors. This despite the efforts of a very active Alberta, which saw an increase of 20.9 per cent in the number of children aged four and under between 2006 and 2011.



5,825

The number of people in Canada aged 100 and older in 2011. Centenarians have been on the rise over the last decade, with 3,795 in 2001. But a big jump is coming, according to Statistics Canada projections, with the country on its way to seeing 78,300 centenarians in 2061.

40.6

In years, Canada's median age in 2011 — the age at which one half the population is older and the other half is younger. In 2006, it was 38.5.

Women are turning the big, big wheels

Kolby Nepoose has had a lot of jobs at places that would probably sound familiar to many young women — grocery store, health-care centre, coffee shop, bank.

Eventually, though, the lure of sitting at a desk began to fade.

"I just found my work really tedious, sitting at the computer all day," said Nepoose, 25.

So she found something different — way different. She now works at Mammoe, a Dutch multinational that builds and operates heavy lift and transport equipment. Nepoose — booted, hard-hatted and overall — is working towards a journeyman's ticket as a crane operator.

Workers like Nepoose are still rare: In 2007, only about two per cent of those employed in non-service-sector trades were women. But those numbers are increasing.

Judylynn Archer is trying to be part of that solution. She leads an Edmonton organization called Women Building Futures, which offers pre-apprenticeship programs to introduce women to trades from carpentry to welding to pipefitting.

A total of 3,000 women contacted Women Building



Renee Jones, first-year apprentice crane operator, is seen on a RT 65-tonne crane that she operates at Mammoe, in Edmonton. JASON FRANSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quoted

Women "drive with less ego."

Judylynn Archer of Women Building Futures, who said employers tell her women are easier on heavy equipment — more vigilant with preventative maintenance and safety checks and gentler on the huge and hugely expensive tires the big stuff rolls on.

Futures last year looking for information on the trades. About 190 from across Canada are expected to graduate this year, almost all directly into jobs or apprenticeships.

"If we had 2,000 today, they could all be placed, working," Archer said. "The demand is unbelievable."

Women are fitting in just fine on job sites across the province, she added.

Companies "are very happy with their female employees. They show up every day, they have a strong attention to detail and they're more loyal."

Still, she said, employers are just starting to see women as part of the solution to Canada's coming shortage of skilled labour.

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WHERE THE SENIORS ARE

A look at the Top 10 communities (population 10,000 or more) with the largest proportion of seniors, according to 2011 census data:



How old is old? 'It's how you feel'

Ask Alan Wilson to define "old" and he answers with a hearty chuckle.

"It's just a number; it's how you feel," said Wilson, a spry 82-year-old who teaches line-dancing classes at a seniors' recreation centre in Peterborough, Ont.

"I had a heart attack 10 years ago and that didn't hold me back at all."

To Wilson and many of his friends, being old is a state of

mind — one that Canada's increasingly active senior set is choosing to ignore as the leading edge of the baby boom reaches the traditional retirement age of 65.

So, it's a fair question: How old is old?

The point at which health concerns become real-life realities is when a person can truly be considered "old," said Susan Eng, vice-president for advocacy at

the Canadian Association of Retired Persons (CARP), Canada's leading seniors' advocacy organization.

"Where the rubber hits the road is when old becomes a limitation," said Eng.

And rather than deny that true old age — with its eventual drawbacks — will hit them one day, it's vital that modern seniors embrace their aging, she added.

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Russian researchers discover massive new cyber-weapon

'Flame.' Virus can turn infected computers into listening devices and even have them suck info out of nearby cellphones

A massive data-slurping cyber-weapon is circulating in the Middle East, a Russian Internet-security firm reported Monday, saying that computers in Iran appear to have been particularly affected.

The virus, dubbed "Flame," is unprecedented both in terms of its size and complexity, Moscow-based Kaspersky Lab ZAO reported, saying it possesses the ability to turn infected computers into listening devices and even suck information out from nearby cellphones.

The announcement sent a ripple of excitement across

the computer-security sector. Flame is the third major cyber-weapon discovered in the past two years, and Kaspersky's conclusion that it was crafted at the behest of a national government fuelled speculation that the virus could be part of an Israeli-backed campaign of electronic sabotage aimed at archival Iran.

Some evidence suggests that the people behind Flame also helped craft Stuxnet, a notorious virus that disrupted controls of some nuclear centrifuges in Iran in 2010, according to Ilan Froimovici, the technical director at Power Communications, which represents Kaspersky in Israel.

The two codes "use the same vulnerabilities in the operating system and the computer infrastructure in order to infect the computer system. We do believe that the same programmers built the two codes," he said.

'Very unusual' virus

Alan Woodward, a professor of computing at the University of Surrey in southern England, compared the virus to a smartphone — depending on what kind of espionage you want to carry out, "you just add apps."

- He said Flame can turn an infected computer into a kind of "industrial vacuum cleaner," copying data from vulnerable cellphones or other devices left near it.

Stuxnet revolutionized the cybersecurity field because it targeted physical infrastructure rather than data, one of the first demonstrations of how savvy hackers can take control of industrial systems to wreak havoc.

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New Nest knows best temp

The Nest Learning Thermostat, shown above, went on sale for Canadians on Tuesday for \$249 US — the first country outside the U.S. to get access to the buzzed-about product. Company co-founder Tony Fadell — the lead designer of the iconic iPods and iPhones before leaving Apple in 2005 — thinks Canadian homeowners are ready to spring for a high-tech, premium-priced thermostat, just as they've embraced Apple's slick but pricey smartphones and tablets. The Nest doesn't need to be programmed and instead learns what temperatures owners like to keep their home at during different times. After a few days, the unit will be able to go on auto-pilot and automatically shift the temperature up and down, Fadell said. It can also sense when the house is empty and turn down the furnace or air conditioner, or users can remotely make adjustments with a web browser or app. THE CANADIAN PRESS/HANDOUT

Wall Street

Facebook stock falls below \$30 US

Facebook's stock has fallen below \$30 US for the first time since its much-awaited public debut this month.

The stock fell \$3.07, or 9.6 per cent, to close at \$28.84 on Tuesday. That's down 24 per cent since its public stock debut. It went as low as \$28.65 earlier in the day.

Facebook Inc. began trading publicly on May 18 following one of the most anticipated stock offerings in history.

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Market Minute

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DADS SAY THE DARNEDST THINGS



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Justin Halpern is a testament to the power of Twitter. A lovable loser who was dumped by his girlfriend, he moved back home and started mining his father's advice,

salted liberally with profanity, and tweeting it to his followers, who grew into the millions.

Eventually, that turned into a book contract, then a book called *S-t My Dad Says*, then a sitcom starring William Shatner as "Dad," now another book, this one called *I Suck at Girls*. And he has already sold the TV rights.

As Dad says: "Any idiot can get lucky once. Takes a special idiot to get lucky twice." Gee, thanks.

Father-son code

My own dad preferred to deliver his wisdom in code. He only ever said two things to me. 1) Pass the salt and 2) Get a job.

After a while, the charm of wondering whether any request for advice was going to be met with either option 1) or 2) wore off, and I stopped asking. I mean, I already had three jobs and always passed the salt. As far as I could tell, following instructions failed to help with girls.

One of my earliest attempts at romance failed when the object of my affections said I'd make "some girl a great husband." Which at the time sounded like a crushing put down. Which it was. Even worse, I'm not even sure my actual wife would agree.

Justin says that when his wife-to-be broke up with him the first time, it was his lucky day. Otherwise he never would have moved back home and tweeted Dirty Dad to riches and fame.

I had the same kind of bittersweet formative love life: When I was 16, I met a terrific girl with terrific red hair and a terrific itsy-bitsy teeny-weenie yellow polka dot bikini. Unfortunately, she also came with a psychopath named Ray who owned a Harley.

So I was curious what Sam Halpern had to say about the inhabitants of Venus.

Here's the cleanest I could find. "No, you can be ugly and get laid. You just gotta be willing to sc-w someone uglier than you." Dad's a real piece of work.

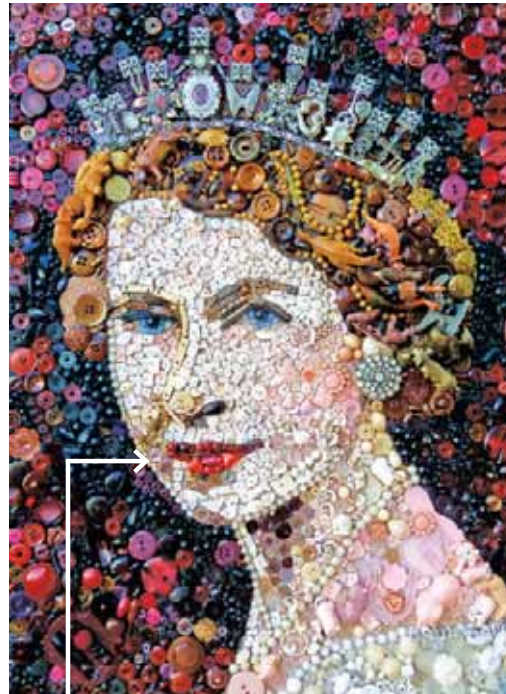
I Suck at Girls is shot through with similarly colourful bromides. At one point, when he was nine, Justin asked Sam to explain the birds and the bees. "No," said Sam. "You don't even have hair on your balls."

I think I prefer "pass the salt" and "get a job."

According to a recent survey, Justin and I aren't the only ones getting bad advice from Dad. Turns out only 31 per cent of Canadian women actually experience an orgasm during sex, compared to 84 per cent of men.

Maybe we should all just get a job instead.

Royal portrait is rubbish



Royalist art

The Queen has a button nose — literally

Artist Jane Perkins has created three portraits of the Queen made from unwanted buttons, beads and small plastic toys.



Jane Perkins
SUBMITTED

The triptych depicts the monarch in three stages of life: during her Coronation, Silver Jubilee and Diamond Jubilee.

The above two are for the Coronation and Diamond Jubilee. **METRO WORLD NEWS**



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Perkins on her Queen art

- **Sum of many parts.** "I honestly cannot say how many separate items I have used in these portraits. Generally speaking, I use everything from small plastic toys, beads, broken jewelry, buttons, bottle tops and other small found objects to create my art. I get these materials from car boot sales and charity shops that can't sell them. I started out doing this art while making brooches in my final year in my degree in textiles. I was inspired by headdresses from Ecuador used in religious processions, many of which have been made from Barbie doll parts. While I don't consider myself an ardent royalist, I have enjoyed making the portraits of the Queen, particularly as making the crown with different shiny objects can be a very creative process."
- **How it's all pieced together.** "It doesn't take too long to make one portrait — only two weeks. First, I blow up an image of the person to a 70-by-50 centimetre size, and start sticking the various objects on top of the blow-ups themselves. As the colour of the blow-up photocopy is often faded, I always have an 'original', smaller but higher-resolution image to work from. This way, I can stay true to the original colours of the portraits when I add my items."
- **Artistic philosophy.** "I have serious views about recycling and reusing materials. We're drowning in so much unwanted stuff."

In numbers

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is the number of portraits the Queen has sat down for during her reign. Lucien Freud's portrayal in 2001 proved to be the most controversial, with critics describing the sober likeness as "extremely unflattering."



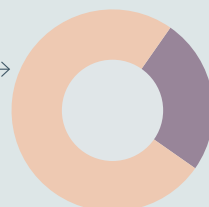
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@lindsmcally:

I think some parts of Halifax are safe. I still fear to have kids here that might get mixed in with the wrong crowd

@rbatherson:

Brrrr #Halifax - how did you get so

cold today?? Don't make me break out my winter overcoat. information on how they are taking action to prevent it.

@HelloLeightonx:

Holy crudmoly Halifax!! Did I miss the memo about its skipping summer and going straight into fall?! It's freezing out!! #Burr

@ginabethR:

#Halifax for 6 years: on bus for 0 accidents. #Moncton for 1 month: on bus for 2 accidents. Hmmm.

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SCENE

Scene in brief

Citytv
announces
fall lineup

A new comedy from the creators of *Will & Grace*, the addition of late night host Jimmy Kimmel and the arrival of Katie Couric's daytime talk show are among the highlights of Citytv's fall slate of shows.

Upcoming offerings include the buddy comedy *Partners from Will & Grace* creators David Kohan and Max Mutchnick, the odd-couple sibling sitcom *Ben and Kate*, Mindy Kaling's single-camera *The Mindy Project* and Reba McEntire's *Malibu Country*. Citytv says returning sitcoms include *New Girl*, *2 Broke Girls*, *Suburgatory*, *Don't Trust the B— in Apartment 23* and *Last Man Standing*. Also back are the dramas *Revenge*, *Person of Interest* and *Scandal*. THE CANADIAN PRESS

On the web



Barenaked Ladies
frontman Ed Robertson
co-hosts *Live! With Kelly*



'We wanted to have a formidable silhouette,' said costume designer Colleen Atwood. 'And from a distance it's spooky with the crown and her height and everything.' CONTRIBUTED

Evil thoughts and threads

Snow White and the Huntsman. Dressed to kill — Charlize Theron shines as a wicked queen in beautiful but 'treacherous' costumes

Charlize Theron's evil queen costumes for *Snow White and the Huntsman* called for hundreds of hand-cut rooster feathers, thousands of iridescent beetle wings from Thailand and one particularly imposing crown.

The outfits, some of which are on view at an LA pop-up gallery ahead of the film's June 1 opening, represented a host of firsts for Academy Award-winning costume designer Colleen Atwood.

From the leather piping on the pleats of the queen's wedding gown to the gauzy green metal trim on the beetle-wing dress, the nine-time Oscar nominee and three-time winner experimented with materi-

als for director Rupert Sanders' dark take on the classic fairy tale.

"The idea of the fairy tale sets you free in a way because you can make it up," Atwood said. "And I love to make up stuff." She created an armoured ensemble fit for a queen by dressing up chain mail with rolled leather and horsehair trim and topping it off with a particularly pointy metal crown.

"We wanted to have a formidable silhouette," Atwood said, "and from a distance it's spooky with the crown and her height and everything." (Theron stands nearly six feet tall, the designer added.)

In Sanders' version of the *Snow White* story, Kristen Stewart portrays the only woman in the land fairer than Theron's evil queen Ravenna. The queen dispatches a huntsman (Chris Hemsworth) to kill the young woman, but instead he becomes her mentor and protector.

Atwood took on the pro-

ject after finishing work on Tim Burton's *Dark Shadows*, starring Johnny Depp. Atwood and Burton are frequent and successful collaborators. Her most recent Oscar was for his 2010 film *Alice in Wonderland*, and she earned nominations for her costumes in Burton's *Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street* and *Sleepy Hollow*.

Atwood's *Snow White* costumes are miles — and eras — away from *Dark Shadows*.

"They don't resemble each other in any way," she said, "so it was fun to shift from one to the other and have a whole different world to think about."

And slide right into. *Snow White* director Sanders said Atwood's wardrobes "blend seamlessly into this world, and they speak volumes about the world and its characters."

Theron agreed. From the wedding dress, with its architectural shoulders that appear to be made from bones, to the twice-embroidered gown that eventually resembles an old,



Academy-Award-winning costume designer Colleen Atwood with a costume from *Snow White and the Huntsman* in Los Angeles. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

peeling skin, Atwood's costumes reflect the evil queen's obsession with appearances.

"Every costume had a feeling of not quite what it seems," Theron said. "In a way, these dresses were like torture devices for Ravenna. I love that because I feel like Ravenna was, in a way, more torturous toward herself than to the people she was killing."

To minimize the actual on-set torture, Atwood employed a team of about 50 people to

help the actors in and out of the elaborate costumes.

But the beetle wings remain dangerous. Thousands of the hard, brittle wings decorate the evil queen's regal dress of silk and metal mesh.

"They're incredibly sharp, so I had to be careful about how I used them. If you hit them, you can hurt yourself," the designer said.

"They're quite treacherous, which really suited the character." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Getting up close and personal: Christopher Lloyd stars as Mr. Goodman in *Piranha 3DD* HANDOUT

When our creature comforts desert us: A field guide for killer animal films

Piranha 3DD. In the hinterland who's who of cinema there are as many kinds of 'animals gone wild' movies as there are animals



IN FOCUS
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This weekend *Piranha 3DD* dusts off not one, but two nature attacks genres.

First and foremost it falls squarely into the 'death from the briny depths' category. In the movie blood-crazed prehistoric fish nibble their way through a fresh pack of nubile teenagers at a water park, joining the likes of *Jaws* (hungry shark on the beach species), *Mako: Jaws of Death* (psychic sharks) and

Tentacles (angry squid gets even with calamari eaters) and *Piranha*, the 1978 film about man eating fish at a summer resort ("They're eating the guests, sir."). *Frankenfish* features a genetically engineered fish who is a double threat — it swims and walks on land!

Piranha 3DD also falls into the 'hungry primeval creature' sub-genre. Most famous of this genre is *Grizzly*, a 1976 movie about an ancient 18-foot bear who snacks on campers.

On the other end of the scale are the 'mutated bug' movies. Tired of being squished under foot these critters are the product of scientific research or radioactive mutation. Them! and *Empire of the Ants* see radioactively modified ants acting up, while William Shatner battles killer web-slingers in *Kingdom of the Spiders*. In *Spider* one character sums up the plot with the line, "That spider is a

killing machine!"

Alfred Hitchcock didn't invent the 'when-animals-attack' genre, but he helped create the 'we're mad as hell and aren't going to take it anymore' (animal edition) variety.

Animals had gone wild on film before *The Birds*, but usually because they were tormented by their owners — King Kong — or victims of radiation — see 'chemically altered bug movies' — or hungry — *Food of the Gods* where giant chickens feed on humans — but Hitchcock's birds attack for no reason.

Next is the 'mother nature is angry' genus, and everyone knows it's best not to annoy Mother Earth. Everyone that is except the campers who learn that forest animals don't react kindly to having their home turned into a waste dump in *Long Weekend*.

And finally there's the 'animal cage match', seen in *Frogs*, in which members of a rich Southern family are massacred by all manner of animals — birds, lizards and even butterflies — in payback for ruining the environment.

Leading the charge are the frogs, who live up to the film's advertising slogan, "TODAY — the Pond! TOMORROW — the World!"

Angry birds

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES



Bar Refaeli

Bar Refaeli dishes on her celebrity crushes

A few years with Leonardo DiCaprio has apparently made Bar Refaeli choosy when it comes to men.

"Justin Bieber and I are going to get married some day," she tells Us Weekly at the Maxim magazine Hot 100 party. (Refaeli came in at No. 1, by the way.) "I also like Tom Cruise. He's very classy.

I liked him in Jerry Maguire and in roles like that." And while Refaeli's tastes skew A-list, they're not confined to men, as the Israeli model admits she has a massive girl-crush on Hunger Games star Jennifer Lawrence. "She's natural, she's down to earth. I think she's all that."



Amanda Bynes ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Amanda Bynes defends herself after news of third hit-and-run

It's just now coming to light that Amanda Bynes may have been involved in a third hit-and-run incident in April — just four days after her arrest for driving under the influence following her hitting a police car, according to TMZ.

A woman says a BMW slammed into her car on the 101 freeway on April 10, then sped off. While the woman gave chase, she was only able to get the license plate number, which police traced to a

Quoted

"I can't help but laugh at all of you writing fake stories about me. I was not in any hit-and-runs"

Amanda Bynes

rental car that had been hired by Bynes. The woman identified Bynes as the driver using her mug shot from her recent arrest.

The Word



Wayne Coyne shows us a new side of Erykah Badu

THE WORD

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Flaming Lips frontman Wayne Coyne can always be counted on to fulfill a few basic rock 'n' roll needs: providing drastic psychedelic reinterpretations of songs you thought you already knew; teaming up with left-field collaborators that might not make sense on paper but sound awesome in practice; and tweeting the odd nude photo of himself, somebody he knows or somebody that you know.

Yesterday, Coyne got a hat trick when he tweeted nude photos of Erykah Badu, with whom he was shooting a video for a 10-minute cover she did with the Lips

of a song that Roberta Flack made famous, The First Time Ever I Saw Your Face. The photos showed Badu bathing in glitter, covered in blood and generally seeming like a perfect foil to Coyne's weirdness.

God bless the Flaming Lips!

She's expressing something

While rehearsing her hit Express Yourself for a concert in Tel Aviv over the weekend, Madonna mixed things up a little and transitioned eerily, hilariously smoothly into Lady Gaga's Born This Way.

Like everyone else, Madonna flagged Gaga's song for sounding like a knock-off when it was released, calling it "reductive" and a "wonderful redo" of Express Yourself.

We're not sure what to think here: playful peace offering acknowledging that there's room for two, or is this Madonna's severed unicorn head?

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The top five arty hotels

A crappy reproduction of Van Gogh's Sunflowers just doesn't cut it in a boutique hotel trying to attract high-end, culturally demanding guests. Here are some hotels that combine style with the feel of an art gallery.

METRO WORLD NEWS



Hotel La Belle Juliette, Paris, France

In 2005, the photography-loving owners of Hotels Paris Rive Gauche, a group of boutique hotel gems in the French capital, commissioned photographers to capture the essence of a night's stay at one of their hotels in a single shot. The project proved such a hit that it inspired an annual "A hotel photo, an artist's view" photo prize and exhibition, to support up-and-coming photographers. Each month a different young photographer is invited to give their take on a night's stay at a HPRG hotel. hotel-belle-juliette-paris.com



Town Hall Hotel, London, England

The owners of this imposing hotel in the former Bethnal Green Town Hall commissioned seven artists to create works as it was being built. They integrate sensitively with the original features from the 1910s and 1930s and reflect the building's rich history; the art here is built into the hotel. So Debbie Lawson's wooden veneer Victorian-era ladies of the night are discreetly inlaid into the parquet floor that runs along the first floor corridor, and Zoe Mendelson's artwork lights up the 1930s original Town Hall safe in the reception. townhallhotel.com



The Gladstone Hotel, Toronto

Not only are the 37 rooms in Toronto's artiest and oldest continuously-operating hotel designed by artists, but the entire building is dedicated to art. A full-time curator organizes exhibitions in the four galleries, and the hotel hosts around 100 art events and exhibitions every year, as well as live performances, comedy, gigs, burlesque and creative courses. More than 4,000 art lovers flock to the annual Come Up To My Room festival, when artists and designers display their works, with sculptures throughout the corridors, the guestrooms and generally imposing their presence on the hotel's public spaces for four days. gladstonehotel.com



Gramercy Park Hotel, New York

It's not every night that you get to sleep beneath one of Damien Hirst's spin paintings, but you can do that at the Gramercy Park Hotel. This is hotel meets art museum. The flamboyant interiors of this grand hotel were reconceived by designer Ian Schrager and painter Julian Schnabel, whose work hangs above the fireplace. Priceless works are littered throughout this wildly creative space, from Basquiat's and Andy Warhol's discreetly hung in lounges alongside bespoke designer furniture pieces, to a vast scarlet Cy Twombly canvas in the lounge. gramercyparkhotel.com



The Saxon Hotel, Johannesburg, South Africa

This luxurious hotel in Johannesburg has a strong sense of its African heritage – Nelson Mandela moved in here after he was released from his prison ordeal and wrote his famous autobiography, The Long Road to Freedom. The hotel recently invested in a significant collection of African art, acquiring more than 200 original artworks created by 11 emerging and established South African artists, giving guests the chance to fully immerse themselves in African culture. saxon.co.za

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Travel in brief

When you can't take Fido...

When you travel and have to leave your dog behind, you can call a kennel, hire a pet sitter — or find him a new friend online. The website DogVacay debuted in New York and Los Angeles in March and, just in time for the summer travel season, is now available throughout the United States and Canada. The site lets pet owners look up hosts in the area who will care for a dog in their own homes, giving a pet the food, exercise and attention you would give if you stayed home — sort of a doggy version of couch-surfing, for an average price of \$25 to \$30 a day. Hosts are checked out and interviewed by DogVacay and every owner and dog is encouraged to meet the host. Visit dogvacay.com for more information.

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Watermelon Mojitos

1. In a tall glass, place mint. Using back of a wooden spoon, muddle. In blender, purée watermelon, 20 seconds. In a cocktail glass, combine watermelon, cherry syrup, lime juice and rum. Stir. Add ice and top with sparkling water. Serve immediately.

- 3 fresh mint sprigs
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) watermelon purée
- 5 ml (1 tsp) cherry-flavoured syrup or grenadine
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) freshly squeezed lime juice
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) light rum
- Ice cubes
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) chilled sparkling water or club soda

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Good things come wrapped in paper

Black Cod. Asparagus and creme fraiche walnut sauce makes this one delicious meal

Simple, light and delicious, this recipe combines fresh herbs and spices that perfectly complement the rich butter flavour of the fish.

The combo of creme fraiche and walnuts add a crunchy twist to a delicately spiced, classic meal.

The creamy walnut sauce can also be served on top of chicken breasts or turkey. It makes a delicious vegetable dip as well.

1. Cut 4 circles of parchment paper (each one should be 38 cm/15 inches

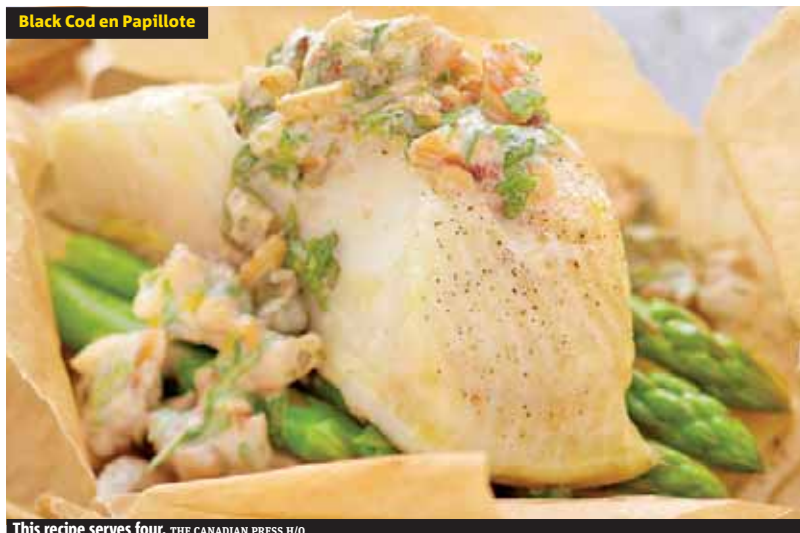
Ingredients

- 250 ml (1 cup) walnut pieces, coarsely chopped
- 75 ml (1/3 cup) fresh tarragon leaves, chopped
- 60 ml (1/4 cup) creme fraiche
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) Dijon mustard
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) apple cider vinegar
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) walnut or olive oil
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) capers, chopped
- 4 small potatoes, thinly sliced
- 20 asparagus spears, trimmed
- 4 pieces (each 150 g/4 oz) black cod

in diameter); set aside.

2. In a bowl, combine the coarsely-chopped wal-

Black Cod en Papillote



This recipe serves four. THE CANADIAN PRESS H/O

nut pieces, fresh tarragon leaves, creme fraiche, Dijon mustard, apple cider vinegar, walnut oil and capers; set aside.

3. Fold one parchment paper round in half and unfold it. Spread one sliced potato in the centre of the bottom half of the parchment paper. Place five asparagus spears on top of the sliced potato and then lay the black cod on top the asparagus.

4. Spoon 1/4 of the walnut mixture on top of the cod and fold the top half of parchment paper over. Seal the edges by twisting and pressing the edges together in a half moon pattern. Repeat this step with the remaining pieces of cod.

5. Place the parchment packets on a baking sheet and bake in 200 C (400 F) oven for 20 to 25 minutes until parchment is lightly browned.

6. Remove from oven. Carefully cut a slit in the top of the packets, taking care as contents will be hot and steam may escape. Tear back edges of paper to reveal fish and serve.

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Salmon En Papillote. Elegant entrée of fish & veg

This elegant salmon entree features salmon fillets and vegetables wrapped in parchment paper.

For ease, they are cooked in a slow cooker.

Serve this meal over brown rice or couscous for a nutritious dinner serving two.

Instead of salmon, you can also use halibut, cod or catfish.

1. Prepare 2 sheets of parchment paper (each 38 cm/15 inches); set aside.

2. In shallow dish, combine oil, garlic, dill and lemon

juice; add fillets and coat. Refrigerate 4 hours.

3. In centre of each piece of parchment paper, arrange and evenly spread julienne vegetables the length of the fish, then place fillets on top of vegetables.

4. Fold bottom of parchment firmly over vegetables and fish, fold sides over to close, fold top down and firmly wrap around to seal.

5. Place parcels, vegetable side down and side by side, in a slow cooker and close lid firmly. Cook on high for

Ingredients

- 30 ml (2 tbsp) vegetable oil
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) finely chopped fresh dill
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) lemon juice
- 2 salmon fillets (about 500 g/1 lb total)
- 375 ml (1 1/2 cups) assorted julienne vegetables (such as carrots, zucchini, celery, red pepper)
- Fresh herbs finely chopped to garnish
- Salt and pepper, to taste

2 hours. Be cautious when opening packages as there

will be hot liquid.

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Student Voice

The hunt has been hard

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In 2006, I dropped out of tourism and travel to pursue my dream: music. I specialized in Music Business and Engineering at Fanshawe College in London, Ont., and the program was structured so well that it seemed I wouldn't have any trouble finding a job after graduation.

The initial search was hard, and it took me a couple months of applications and emails before I finally landed an internship at a small music label in Toronto. It was a three-month internship with a chance for more work, I was told.

Eventually I was asked to start doing some commission work, which included researching bands and video editing. However, this small amount of pay was only for work I was doing outside office hours.

Three months later, I mentioned the idea of full-time work. My boss said, "This wasn't an internship; this is the job. We pay you commission — that's more than we'd ever give an intern. But keep up the good work!"

Two weeks later, I quit. This is when it got hard. I spent an entire year unemployed with very few interviews. I applied for jobs in every city, a minimum of three per day. It was a long and depressing year, and it never got better until a particularly desperate night in June, when I bit the bullet and applied to college programs for advertising. School is the one thing I was never rejected from.

Where I am now

I just finished my first year of Advertising Media Sales at Humber College, with honours. I chose advertising because it can be applied to so many fields and seems to always be a necessity for every successful company.

My recommendations

for students Job rejection really isn't personal and generally you're competing with 15 other people for one little job. The odds are never in your favour, but that doesn't mean you can just stop. You will never get the job you don't apply to, and you can never fear that rejection.

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There aren't enough young insurance professionals to fill those gaps at the entry level or to move up into management roles, so the opportunities to start and grow your career within the insurance industry are enormous no matter what your educational background.

Trevor Buttrum, Career Connections Program Manager at the Insurance Institute (career-connections.info), answered a few of our questions to help students



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and recent grads better understand the job opportunities in this booming industry.

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Property and Casualty: This

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What do people who work in insurance typically like most about their jobs?

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SPORTS

Mooseheads

Grenier going to Austria

Graduating Halifax Mooseheads right-winger Alexandre Grenier is headed to Austria to play professionally. The 20-year-old right-winger has signed a one-year deal with the Salzburg Red Bulls, a team in Austria's top pro league coached by ex-NHL bench boss Pierre Page. Grenier, who was selected in the third round (90th overall) by the Vancouver Canucks in last year's NHL draft, finished second in scoring for the Mooseheads last season with 64 points in 64 games. For more on Grenier's signing, visit the Q Files blog at metronews.ca/qfiles.

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Sprint canoe-kayak

Paddlers up for six of seven Ricoh Sport Awards

The province's paddling community was well represented at Sport Nova Scotia's Ricoh Sport Awards nomination announcement on Tuesday.

Six of seven awards featured nominees from sprint canoe-kayak, including Waverley's Connor Taras for male team athlete of the year, Alexa Irvin of Kentville for female team athlete of the year, and Halifax's Mark de Jonge for male individual athlete of the year. All three are kayakers.

"It's nice to see my teammates and coaches be nominated," said Taras at a press conference at the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame.

"We're really strong in Nova Scotia in the paddling world, nationally and internationally, and it's nice to be honoured here."

Also up for awards from canoe-kayak were the female canoe duo of Mariah Godin and Emily Riddle (team of the year); Csom Latorovszki (coach of the year); and Mark Penfound (official of the year).

Taras, who won a silver medal with Canada's K-4 1,000-metre team at the Pan American Games last year, is hoping to join Dartmouth's Jason McCoombs and Windsor's Ryan Cochrane on the Olympic paddling team.

He'll race against De Jonge, Rhys Hill of Ottawa and Richard Dober of Trois-Rivières, Que., at the Olympic trials in Montreal on June 23 and 24 for the right to race Canada's K-1 200 boat in London.

"The 200 is such a short race and usually, by the end of it, the top nine guys are all within the same half a second," Taras said. "It's anybody's race, really."

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Connor Taras
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Mooseheads forward Nathan MacKinnon. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO FILE

MacKinnon eyes improvements

Hockey. Mooseheads star nominated for Sport Nova Scotia male team athlete of year



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After Nathan MacKinnon shattered Halifax Mooseheads playoff scoring records last month, it's difficult to comprehend the possibility of him being even better next season.

But with his off-season training hitting full swing, that's exactly what the 16-year-old from Cole Harbour has in mind as he gets ready for his NHL draft year.

"Mainly, I produced offence off the rush last year and I still want to do that, but at the same time I want to get better at making plays below the dots," MacKinnon said. "That's what I'm trying to work on, and get stronger, for next year."

MacKinnon was announced Tuesday as one of three nominees for Sport

Nova Scotia's Ricoh male team athlete of the year award at a press conference at the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame.

He said he took a few weeks to unwind after a record-setting 13-goal, 28-point playoff run that brought the Mooseheads to within two wins of the QMJHL final. Since then, he's trained daily at Saint Mary's University in preparation for two off-season camps in Los Angeles next month.

One will be with well-known strength and fitness trainer Andy O'Brien and the other will be with his agent, Pat Brisson. Fellow 2013 NHL draft prospects Seth Jones and Max Domi will also attend the camps, MacKinnon said.

"It's just fun," said MacKinnon, who is ranked No. 1 for the 2013 draft by Red Line Report.

"You push yourself, but more than anything, it's just to get ready for the season. It's intense and it's with a lot of great players."

Although it was recently announced MacKinnon is ineligible to play in the Can-

Sport Nova Scotia's Ricoh Sport Award nominees

- **Team of the year.** Maria Godin and Emily Riddle (canoe); Max Flinn and Andrew Burns (sailing); Murphy's Junior Eagles (softball).
- **Female individual athlete of the year.** Jenna Martin (athletics); Ellie Black (gymnastics); Danielle Dube (sailing).
- **Male individual athlete of the year.** Mark de Jonge (kayak); David Sharpe (swimming); Ian Kent (table tennis).
- **Female team athlete of the year.** Alexa Irvin (kayak); Alexis Crossley (hockey); Nkem Ezurike (soccer).
- **Male team athlete of the year.** Connor Taras (kayak); Adam Melanson (football); Nathan MacKinnon (hockey).
- **Coach of the year.** Paul Millman (athletics); Csom Latorovszki (canoe-kayak); Aaron Maszko (swimming).
- **Official of the year.** Mark Penfound (canoe-kayak); Warren Nethercote (sailing); Graham Waters (squash).

ada-Russia Challenge in August because of his under-age status, he's hoping to make the Canadian world under-18 team for the Ivan Hlinka Memorial Tournament in Slovakia and the Czech Republic from Aug. 13 to 18.

It would be his first experience in a Canadian jersey.

"That would be pretty cool to represent Canada internationally," MacKinnon said. "A lot of people are out to get us. We're the best hockey country in the world, so it would definitely be an exciting time and I'm looking forward to it."

Tennis

Serena suffers career-first setback

Serena Williams lost in the first round of a major tournament for the first time in her career, falling to Virginie Razzano of France 4-6, 7-6 (5), 6-3 Tuesday at the French Open.

The fifth-seeded Williams was two points from victory nine times in the second set, including leading 5-1 in the tiebreaker. But Razzano won six straight points to force a third set, and then took control of the match.

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Serena Williams in Paris on Tuesday. GETTY IMAGES

MLB

Lawrie swings hot bat for Jays

Canadian Brett Lawrie scored three runs and Ricky Romero pitched six effective innings as the Toronto Blue Jays defeated the Baltimore Orioles 8-6 on Tuesday night.

Lawrie also drove in three runs and had three of Toronto's 10 hits as the Blue Jays (26-24) moved three games behind the Orioles (29-21) in the American League East standings. Baltimore started the night tied with Tampa for first place in the division.

Romero (6-1), who has struggled with his control of late, allowed four earned runs and six hits. He had just one walk and recorded seven strikeouts.

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Teams share common ground in this cup-final showdown

NHL. Devils and Kings took similar paths on journey to Stanley Cup

A great goalie. Depth in front of him. The ability to win on the road. And a respected coach.

Two teams with plenty of similarities drop the puck Wednesday for the Stanley Cup.

The sixth-seeded New Jersey Devils and eighth-seeded Los Angeles Kings face off at the Prudential Center in hockey's finale.

Both teams have already been forged in the cauldron of the playoffs. As lower seeds, they have not had home-ice advantage and had to get here the hard way.

Depth has been a key to both.

"I don't think it's an accident that the teams that



Mike Richards works out on Tuesday in New Jersey. GETTY IMAGES

are rolling four lines and 6 D (defencemen) are still playing," Devils coach Peter DeBoer said Tuesday.

"I think if you talked to Darryl, I would bet he'd say the same thing. It's been critical. You don't play 20, 25 playoff games and the grind and the emotion and



Devils head coach Peter DeBoer gives instruction during practice on Tuesday in Newark, N.J. JULIO CORTEZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

the battle without having depth. You just can't."

Said Kings coach Darryl Sutter: "The way the schedule is and the way the travel is, you don't do it without everybody making some sort of contribution. Not just the minutes played but in performance."

Los Angeles is a mind-boggling 8-0 in the playoffs on the road, where the home team has the last line change. New Jersey is 6-4.

Both teams rely on their goaltenders to keep the opposition honest.

New Jersey looks to career Devil Martin Brodeur, a

future Hall of Famer who is still going strong at age 40.

Los Angeles has 26-year-old Jonathan Quick, who leads playoff goalies in goals-against average (1.54) and save percentage (.946). Brodeur's corresponding figures are 2.04 and .923.

Much has been made of the Kings' size but the league says there's really not much difference between the two. The Devils' average height and weight is six-foot-one and 204 pounds. For the Kings, it's six-foot-one and 208.

New Jersey's average age is 30, compared to 26.5 for Los Angeles.

"I think the goalies bring the average up quite a bit," Devils forward Dainius Zubrus said dryly, referencing Brodeur and 39-year-old Johan Hedberg.

The Kings have more Canadians (13 to six) than the Devils. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Breakdown

DEVILS

No. 6 (East), 48-28-6 record, won season series 2-0

The Devils are in the Stanley Cup final for the fifth time and are looking for their fourth title. New Jersey captured the cup in 1995, 2000 and 2003, with its only final series loss to Colorado in 2001. Martin Brodeur has been there for all the final appearances, and could call it a career at age 40 once this series is over — win or lose.



KINGS

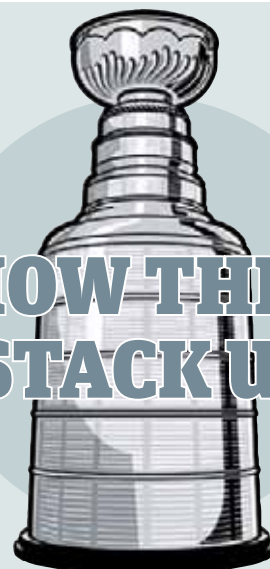
No. 8 (West), 40-27-15 record

The Kings are in the final for the second time in team history. L.A. is still looking for its first Stanley Cup, having lost in five games to Montreal in 1993. The Kings have won an NHL-record eight straight road playoff games — the first team to do it in one playoff year. Los Angeles has outscored opponents 30-13 in its road games.

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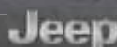
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Acura bucks the engine trend



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2013 Acura RDX

- **Type.** Four-door, all-wheel-drive luxury-compact wagon.
- **Engine (hp):** 3.5-litre SOHC V6 (273).
- **Mileage:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 10.7/7.3.
- **Base Price (incl. destination):** \$42,900.

Beefed-up engine

A 3.5-litre V6 replaces the turbo-charged 2.3-litre four-cylinder, a move that appears to be in sharp contrast to other automakers — such as Ford — which are replacing larger engines with smaller turbo-charged powerplants that supposedly get better fuel economy.

But check this out. The RDX's V6 makes 273 horse

power and 251 pound-feet of torque, compared to 240 horses and 260 pound-feet of torque for the 2.3. Most importantly, the RDX achieves a better fuel-consumption rating than the outgoing model.

How is this possible?

A six-speed automatic transmission — one more gear than used on the turbo four — helps improve the ratings, but so do other fuel-conserving innovations.

There's low-viscosity engine and transmission oil, a special friction-reducing coating for the pistons and Variable Cylinder Management that allows the engine to operate with two or three of its six cylinders (depending on the load) shut down.

Acura says the RDX also has improved aerodynamics, fuel-saving electric power steering pump and low-rolling-resistance tires.

Review. More pistons as well as better fuel economy? What does the new RDX know that we don't?

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With the entire automotive world dropping pistons to add fuel economy — and even bragging about it — there's this little twist: the 2013 Acura RDX is adding fuel economy by adding pistons.

Yes, the whole universe is suddenly out of whack and it begs the question, what does Honda know that the rest of the world doesn't. Well, we're

in Arizona to find out.

The RDX brand has been around since the 2007 model year as a rival to the BMW X3, Audi Q5, Cadillac SRX, Mercedes-Benz GLK and other premium-priced five-passenger wagons.

Changes for the 2010 model year gave it a look that resembled the larger MDX, which is an approach that has clearly spilled over into

the new RDX.

The aggressively arched fenders, redesigned nose-piece and artfully reshaped roofline convey a sense of increased proportions, which is an illusion considering that most key dimensions — length, width, height and cargo volume — vary only slightly from the original.

With an on-the-road starting price of \$42,900, the

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Feature content was modest, though performance was the unquestioned focus of this machine. Coupe and convertible variants were available in GTS and RT/10 designations, respectively.

Common Issues

Have your potential used Viper checked for oil leaks from the valve covers and oil pan gasket. A compression test is also advisable, as is a check of the oil and coolant condition, which could reveal an issue with the head-gasket. This issue seemed to affect mainly earlier models.

On a test-drive, “feel” the transmission for signs of clutch slippage, grinding or hard shifting. Though the gearbox is said to be reliable, abusive driving can shorten its life.

Note that some models suffered from a rear differential which could become separated from its bracket, and/or a power steering rack that could pull away from the front frame. A free recall and repair kit addresses these problems. Your local Dodge dealer has the scoop.

Shoppers are also advised to check the condition of the brakes and tires.



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Engine



All models in this generation have an 8-litre V10 with 400 horsepower on early models, and 450 horsepower after 1996. A six-speed manual was the only transmission offered.

What Owners Like



Performance, style, excess and exclusivity were the big draws to the Viper. As a new model, it offered the performance to crush cars costing several times more. Extreme performance driving pleasure is enjoyed by Viper owners.

What Owners Dislike



Limited storage, limited shoulder and legroom and gas mileage are the most common complaints. Heat from the engine can also “cook” the driver’s feet on long trips.

Verdict

The Viper was loved mainly for its purely insane performance and the instant recognition of passers-by. It’s not a car for the faint of heart — though it will appeal to those after all-out firepower ahead of creature-comforts.

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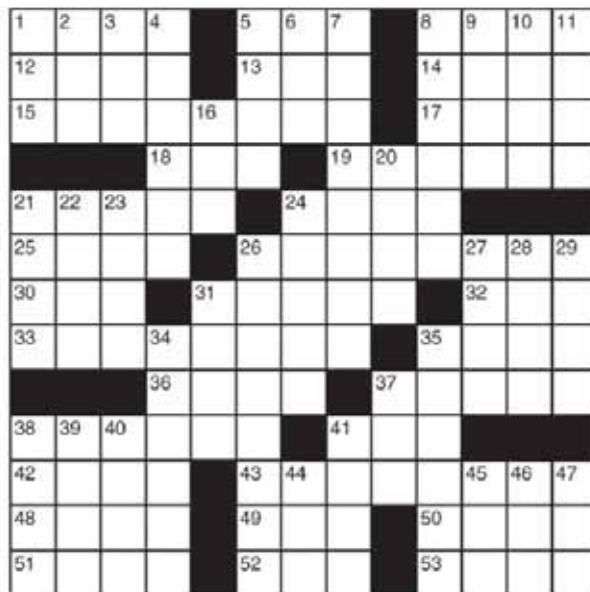
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- 35 Golf warning
- 36 Sea eagle
- 37 Healthy
- 38 Malay Archipelago sultanate
- 41 Tackle moguls
- 42 Theater box
- 43 South American rodent
- 48 — podrida
- 49 Get — for effort
- 50 Told tales
- 51 Ottoman governors
- 52 Torched
- 53 Therefore

Down

- 1 Servicewoman
- 2 Khan title
- 3 Wardrobe malfunction
- 4 Fertilizer ingredient
- 5 On
- 6 Greek cross
- 7 Use wrongly
- 8 Deli meat
- 9 Make a cardigan
- 10 Part of the foot
- 11 Slow
- 16 Little devil
- 20 Brazilian river
- 21 Gator's kin
- 22 Volcanic outflow
- 23 Promptly, on a memo
- 24 Fry lightly
- 26 Cold and impersonal
- 27 — En-lai
- 28 Make
- 29 Coaster
- 31 Farm fraction
- 34 Virgilian hero
- 35 Weakness
- 37 Wild blue yonder
- 38 Amorphous mass
- 39 Portrayal
- 40 Unightly
- 41 Quarrel
- 44 Blackbird



- 45 Melody
- 46 Rule, for short
- 47 Commotion

Yesterday's Crossword



Cryptoquip

How to play

This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

QNAFX N ORQ JXTRJJI
VZGXZXG PV DXXE GZL N RS
PRDNAT ERZP NA R OXPAXQQ
EZVPXFPNVA EZVTZRS
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF A LANDSCAPE
GARDENER IS COMPLETELY TIRED AND READY
FOR BED, YOU MIGHT SAY HE'S BUSHED.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: A equals N



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Sudoku



How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku



Horoscope

♈ Aries | March 21 - April 20.

There may be a lot to do but you will achieve more if you slow down and do one vital thing really well.

♉ Taurus | April 21 - May 21.

Your financial position may not be as good as it could be, but neither is it giving serious cause for concern. If you worry, you'll make things worse.

♊ Gemini | May 22 - June 20.

You know what you want and you know where and how to get it, so seize the moment.

♋ Cancer | June 21 - July 22.

Cosmic activity in the most sensitive area of your chart makes it easy to reach down into your subconscious and find out what makes you tick.

♌ Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22.

Reaching out to those who share your beliefs could put you in touch with some interesting people.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22.

Today you can and you should make a good impression on those who can influence the course of your career.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22.

With the Sun, Mercury and Venus all moving through one of the most dynamic areas of your chart, much can be achieved. Aim high.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21.

You may feel somewhat vulnerable right now but it's nothing to worry about. If you do, you could end up worrying yourself into a corner.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21.

It may seem as if you are doing all the giving while others are doing all the taking, but it's for a reason.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan. 20.

You may find it hard to slow down today but you must. Cosmic activity in the wellbeing area of your chart urges you to be kind to yourself.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb. 18.

Your confidence will surge over the next 24 hours and soon you will be doing what others say is impossible.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20.

Use emotions over logic today. If you appeal to someone's sense of sympathy or passion, you will win them over with ease. **SALLY BROMPTON**



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